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## 2004 Christmas Party



The club's annual Christmas Party was held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Rolf's Restaurant in Warren, NJ. The restaurant gave us a nice, out of the way area and didn't seat anyone else in there, even though they were quite busy.

Eleven people were there, including: Larry & Marie, Jack & Jean, Dick & Barb, Tom & Debbie, Lou & Josephine, and John. We all had a great time. There were also three Model "A"s and a vintage Cadillac in attendance.

As usual, gifts were drawn for and there were only a couple of "steals".

**Reminder: Annual membership dues for 2005 are due!**

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## Car of the Month



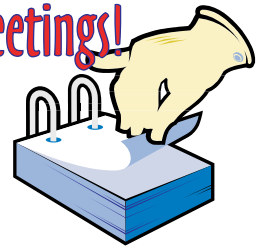
### MY 'FRESH OUT OF THE BARN' "A"

After selling my 1931 Tudor at last year's New England meet in Bridgewater NJ, the search was on for an "A" with a front bench seat. My wife, Louise, and I chased ads and leads throughout New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. We found many cars that should have been stripped for parts. Finally, I contacted Leo Parks, who has a large stock of original Model "A" parts, and at times, a car for sale. He said he would call about a four door sedan that had been for sale some time ago. The owner said the sedan was still for sale. Leo and I went to see the car which was in a barn about four or five miles from my home.

The sedan was a solid original with the exception of a 1962 paint job. In May of this year, Leo trailored my sedan home and the chore, to clean it up and get it running again, was begun.

After installing a new battery, a compression test followed, indicating a problem in #3 and #4 cylinders which turned out to be two valves stuck wide open. Next came a valve job, some fuel, and the old girl fired up, but the engine couldn't be heard because of the blown muffler. Once the exhaust noise was eliminated, it was apparent there was a slight knock in the engine when it wasn't under a load. I isolated the problem to be in the #3 cylinder. It turned out to be a worn wrist pin bushing. After disassembly, the piston

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January 11 <sup>th</sup>	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	October 11 <sup>th</sup>
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 8 <sup>th</sup>
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	December 13 <sup>th</sup>

### Program for the January Meeting

Next month is the *Annual Club Auction*. Collect up all your left over goodies and bring them to the meeting. This is a painless way for your club to make some extra money.



cylinder bore and crank shaft were determined to be original and still within tolerance. I decided to replace the piston rings, and connecting rods with standard parts. The cylinder head had to be milled as it had a corner-to-corner twist in it.

Since reassembly, the engine runs great and the first tour was to Das Awkscht Fesch in Macungie, PA, then the Belvidere, NJ Victorian Day in September 2004.

The car had been in dry storage since 1980.

JACK MARTIN October 2004

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Club meetings are held on the **second Tuesday** of every month at 8:00pm

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## Teddy discusses welding safety



### Minutes of the meeting

Following Teddy's video on setting up and using a MIG welder, Lou opened the 296<sup>th</sup> meeting at 8:45pm.

### Upcoming Events

**Annual Auction**, 01/11/05, Bring your spare parts and some extra money, of course. Any questions, call Lou at 973-635-6239.

**Auto Mania**, 01/14/2005 to 01/16/2005, Ag Hall, Allentown Fairgrounds. Allentown, PA. 4pm-9pm Friday, 9am-6pm Saturday, 9am-3pm Sunday; Spectator Fee: \$7. Pennsylvania's largest indoor swap meet. Contact Phone 717-215-0700.

**Leesport Eleventh Annual February Thaw-Out Swap Meet** 02/27/2005, Farmers' Market, Rt 61, Leesport, PA. Contact Phone: 215-679-6532

**Watchung Flea Market**, April 2005. New location at the Basking Ridge High School. This is a bigger venue and will include a car show.

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Model "A" Ford Meet**, 09/23/05 to 09/25/05, The Sheraton Long Island, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, Smithtown, NY 11788. Contact Phone: Walter Blessing at 631-757-3139.



### Treasurer's Report

Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury is \$2,096.29. A motion to accept was made by Jack and seconded by Teddy.

### Secretary's Report

I'd like to thank all who sent me pictures and articles on their cars. This month's car is the last picture I have. Please send me some pictures and a short write up on your cars or I will have to put in pictures of mine! It doesn't have to be the car you have now.

### Club Welfare

Lou thanked all who attended the club's Christmas Party.

## Membership

The 2005 dues are due now! Either bring your dues to the meeting, or send a \$10 check made payable to "Watchung Valley Region MARC" to John Bedner, 82 Ravine Drive, Colonia, NJ 07067-3225. Remember, you must also be a member of the national MARC.

## New Business

Next month is the auction, get your STUFF ready for the January meeting.

Lou announced that MARC wants one address for each club. Our official club address is Lou's.

I will be printing up some club business cards for the members to give out to people interested in the club.



## Technical

Bill reminded everyone that when you are welding you should wear the appropriate clothing. Someone he knows had a blob of red hot metal go through his pants. It wasn't smart, but it sure did. You should also have a second person around as a fire watch, and stay around the area for at least 1/2 hour after you are done to make sure there is nothing smoldering.

*There is no such thing as an accident in the shop, it is due to either **stupidity** or **carelessness!***

John mentioned he has an original ad for the trunk on his "A".

## Programs:

Next month's program will be the Annual Club Auction.

January: Club Auction  
February: Hugo Brant  
March: Debbie Daye

April: Vince DeLisi  
May: Lou Della Vecchia  
June: Tom Fritz

**The member giving the presentation is responsible for bringing the refreshments.**

## 50/50

Janet had the winning ticket and won \$7.00 (great luck for someone who wasn't even there).



## Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm



Tom Petersen's **1953 Buick Hardtop** is for sale... \$20,000.00. Call Tom at 973-543-2924.

Lou is looking for a **windshield wiper motor** for his '31 roadster. Call Lou at 973-635-6239

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**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 p.m.**

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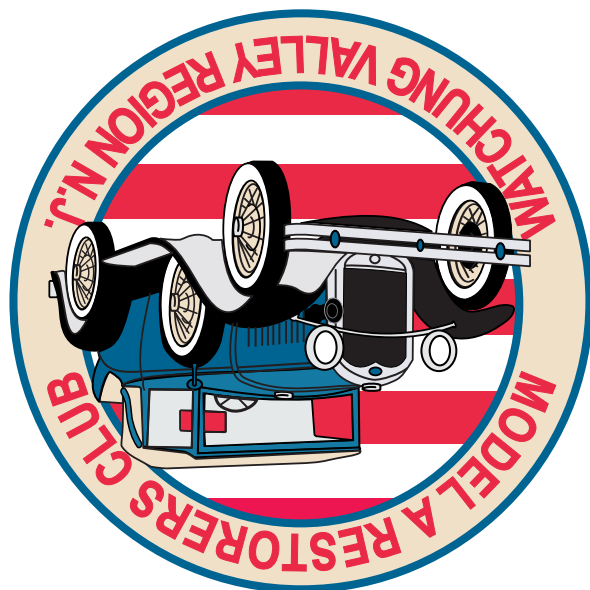
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**Annual Club Auction**

**Time to clean out your stuff!**

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